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16. We reminded BLUNT of his earlier statements about Jack PLUMB. He had originally said that PLUMB had certainly been involved in clandestine Communism at Cambridge, had been "very thick with them all" and must have been thought a good target for recruitment by the Russians. He had later said that most of his information about PLUMB had come from Tess ROTHSCHILD and that he hardly knew PLUMB himself. He had added that PLUMB had been very much one of the left wing circle involving Guy BURGESS and others. We asked BLUNT what he meant by the last remark. BLUNT said it was true that most of his information on PLUMB came from Tess ROTHSCHILD, in the context of Judy HUBBACK. He did not think that otherwise he associated PLUMB either with BURGESS or with left wing activities at Cambridge. When asked whether he was aware that PLUMB was a homosexual, BLUNT said that he was not and certainly did not connect PLUMB with BURGESS in that sense. If they had

known each other he would guess that it was as a result of a common interest in history.

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Sofas, so good.

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Reference LOOSE MINUTE.

K.3. through KY.

On the instructions of KY I went to see Mr. R. P. B. Cave, Deputy Chief Passport Officer, in the absence of Mr. M. G. Dixon on leave, on 30 September, to enquire whether it would be possible to provide Lord Rothschild with a passport in another name. Miss Caffyn who is responsible for handling our business at the Passport Office, including the provision of false passports for our officers, attended my meeting with Cave, as did Mr. Crowley.

2. I told Cave that :-

- (a) Lord Rothschild was a member of the Security Service during the war.
- (b) He has since been rendering us valuable assistance.
- (c) He has to travel abroad particularly to Africa, the Middle East and South America. His travels are not on our behalf.
- (d) In the light of current Arab activities abroad directed against Jews and Jewish interests his life or person may be in danger during his travels because he is a Rothschild. I cited as an example the recent attempt to kidnap a member of the Rothschild family.
- (e) As some recompense for what he has been doing for us, we wish to sponsor a passport in another name for Lord Rothschild in order to provide him with some degree of protection during his travels.

3. If his travels were on our behalf Cave said he would be prepared to issue such a passport because we would be held responsible if it was discovered that Lord Rothschild was travelling on a false passport or if anything should happen to him whilst abroad.

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4. As I was unable to give him an assurance that nothing would happen to Lord Rothschild whilst travelling on a false passport, Cave said he could not, on his authority, provide such a passport without the sanction of the P.U.S. because in the event of anything going wrong there might be embarrassing political repercussions and the Passport Office would not be prepared to shoulder the responsibility for such repercussions.

5. Cave agreed to issue a passport on the same terms as those issued to our own officers (i.e. we would hold Lord Rothschild's normal passport when he is travelling on a false passport), if the Director General would seek the authority of Sir Denis Greenhill for him to do so.

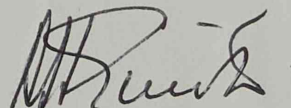
6. Cave explained that this was an exceptional request on behalf of a well known public figure. He said (and afterwards regretted it I think) that one false passport had been issued to, I presume, a member of the public - he did not mention the name of the holder.

7. Cave telephoned yesterday to say that he had now heard from Sir Denis Greenhill about this request and Sir Denis Greenhill had asked him to submit a paper. As Cave took no notes during my meeting with him, he has asked me to let him have an outline of our case in writing to form the basis of his submission. He particularly wants to know to which countries Lord Rothschild will travel and to have some details of the recent attempt to kidnap a member of the Rothschild family.

8. If you wish me to proceed will you please let me know how you would like me to reply to Cave's request referred to in paragraph 7.

B.3/4/5.

2 October, 1969.



R. G. I. Elliott.

M.S. Ext. 460.

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NOTE FOR FILE

When I saw Victor ROTHSCCHILD last night I gave him an account of the gist of serial 163a and serial 163a. He was extremely grateful and said that it was a great comfort to him to feel that the authorities were worried about his problem. I told him that if we succeeded in getting a passport for him in a false name we would have to ask him to obey the rules that applied to Government officials who had false passports, i.e. he would have to surrender to us the passport in his real name while he was using the false one. He readily accepted this condition and said that it would cause him no difficulty. I told him on the authority of B.3 that we could provide him with vaccination and other health certificates signed by the office doctor in his false name but that we would be unable to provide one for yellow fever. That he would have to do himself. He said he thought he could do this if it ever proved necessary.

Peter M. Wright

Peter M. Wright

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2.10.69

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NOTE FOR FILE

I went to see Victor ROTHSCCHILD last night to be introduced to "Artie" MARSHALL who was a very close friend of Guy BURGESS. The first hour of our discussions at which both Victor and Tess ROTHSCCHILD were present was spent in convincing Artie that Guy BURGESS had been a serious Russian agent. Artie, like many other people who knew Guy BURGESS well, could not believe that Guy had been involved with the Russians because they could not see how they could fail to be aware of it in some way or other even with hindsight. In the end the combined resources of the ROTHSCCHILDs and myself convinced him. He then agreed that he would go into BURGESS's associates known to him with me. I felt that the rather light social atmosphere of the meeting last night was not a suitable place for a detailed study of this problem so I suggested to MARSHALL that we meet together at a later date. He agreed to meet me at his flat at 6 Radnor Walk, S.W.3 on 14th October at 3 o'clock.

2. I described to MARSHALL some of the symptoms which one might discern amongst BURGESS's friends if they had been targets of BURGESS and possibly recruited by him to work for the Russians. Amongst these I mentioned the change from left wing views to Fascism which we had observed in certain people including Guy BURGESS and Kim PHILBY. MARSHALL immediately said that the person who sprung to mind in this context was Michael BURN who had been a close friend of Guy's during Guy's Fascist phase and had been a Fascist himself. BURN was now, and had been for many years, very left wing. I immediately said that I was surprised that Michael BURN had been a friend of Guy's despite what the ROTHSCCHILDs had told me because our records showed that he had been at New College, Oxford. Both MARSHALL and the ROTHSCCHILDs immediately protested that there was no question of a shadow of doubt that Michael BURN had been at Trinity College, Cambridge. So I then said that perhaps we had got the BURNS muddled up and there were two BURNS. MARSHALL said that the BURN they were talking about had been a typical Ayrian in appearance with blonde hair and had later gone on to The Times with Oliver WOODS.

Comment: It was Oliver WOODS who said that he had known BURN at New College. I have little doubt, however, that the BURN that MARSHALL and the ROTHSCCHILDs are talking about is the file holder we have.

3. The conversation with MARSHALL broke up on a very friendly note, he assuring me that he would do

General HACKETT said as two and
BURN features in the New College
Register of addresses as having
matriculated there in 1931.

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everything to help. He thought that with a bit of prodding his memory might be quite productive.

PETER M. WRIGHT

Peter M. Wright

K.3
2.10.69

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Extract from Note for File/Interview Report

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Extract for File No. Link N/30 Name [REDACTED]
 Original in File No. SF.441-UK-5(1) Link F/7 Serial 7a Dated 1.10.69
 Date and Place of *Interview/Meeting 11 a.m. 30.9.69, CLARENCE's office.
 with (also give security context of person being interviewed) CLARENCE

 Subject
 Officer J.A. Cradock using @ of Section K.7
 Extracted by [REDACTED] Section K.7 Date 8.10.69

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8. At this stage - and with comparatively little time left - we began to look at the Security Service organisation chart for 1943. CLARENCE offered the following comments -

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h) Victor ROTHSCHILD was probably not very interested in the Security Service; he was more concerned that his own comfortable existence should not be disturbed; and to that end he was prepared to "tolerate" irregularities, particularly over his relations with the BURGESS/BLUNT circle.

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Vol. 1 Serial 322 Receipt date 1-10-69.

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Prepared for PMW Interview on
1.10.69

Arthur MARSHALL first came to notice in 1951 on account of letters of his found in BURGESS' correspondence. Contacts of BURGESS whom we know he knew are:-

Fred WARNER
 RYLANDS
 VESEY
 BLUNT (MARSHALL has come up fairly recently on the T/C).

He served in the war in the Intelligence Corps. 1942 was appointed as Major on the Staff Combined Operations HQ. 1943 HQ COSSAC. 1945 SHAEF Counter Intelligence sub-division. (He had been at Christ's College, Cambridge from c.1928-31).

2. Apart from this war service he was a master at Oundle from 1931-54 when he applied for the job of Secretary to Lord ROTHSCILD at the UKAEA. He apparently held this job for four years. (Source of this information is the BLUNT T/C and there is no reflection of it on MARSHALL's PF - at the time we advised against his getting the job). What he has done since then is not known. In 1965 (and currently - according to the telephone book) he was living at 6 Radnor Walk, S.W.3 - property owned by the ROTHSCILDS. Also living at that address was Stuart HAMPSHIRE.

3. Arthur MARSHALL has broadcast as a female impersonator.

B. Palliser

B. Palliser

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1.10.69

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NOTE FOR PF.605,565

When I was seeing Sir Denis Greenhill this morning I told him that Victor ROTHSCCHILD was apprehensive about his personal safety. We had spoken to Scotland Yard about this but ROTHSCCHILD had also asked us whether a passport in a false name could be issued to him. I told Greenhill that ROTHSCCHILD was useful to us and that we would like to help him. We had therefore discussed his request with Cave at the Passport Office, who had said that there were precedents for the issue of false passports but before he issued one to ROTHSCCHILD he would need Greenhill's agreement.

Greenhill said he would discuss the matter with Cave to discover what the precedents were.

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D.G.

1st October 1969

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[Handwritten signature]
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*162B*NOTE FOR FILE

When I saw Victor ROTHSCCHILD on 22nd September he raised with me the problem of his personal security in view of the bomb throwing incidents in Marks & Spencer and the various high-jackings that had occurred. He said that he was very anxious that his worries should not be known to Lady ROTHSCCHILD or any of his family and would I keep this matter to a narrow circle. He asked whether it would be possible for him to have a passport in a false name as he had during the war so that he would not be obvious in passenger lists. I said that I would look into the matter. He also asked whether we could do anything to give him any form of physical protection. I asked him whether he had discussed the matter with Special Branch. I gathered that he personally had not done so but that Marcus SIEFF had discussed their joint problem with Special Branch. I said that I thought he ought to get in touch with Special Branch. He asked me if I could arrange this. He asked me whether it would be possible for this Service to tip him off if he were in any danger. I said that our first action would be to inform Special Branch who would immediately get in touch with him. I said I would meet him again in about a week's time when I had had time to look into the matter.

Peter M. Wright

Peter M. Wright

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NOTE FOR FILE

I went to see Deputy Assistant Commissioner Ferguson Smith, Head of Special Branch, about the problem of ROTHSCCHILD's security. I said that ROTHSCCHILD and his wife were not only ex-members of this Service but had since been very valuable sources on matters concerning "the Philby network" and, in fact ROTHSCCHILD had been the person really responsible for getting to us the hard information which proved the PHILBY case. We would therefore like to help him if we could. I said that I thought his worry was a valid one as he, ROTHSCCHILD, had been one of the major supporters of Israel, particularly financially, and was therefore a target for the Arab Commandos. Ferguson Smith accepted that ROTHSCCHILD was a major target and said that he was very anxious to help. He said it would be most unpleasant for everybody if anything happened to him. He offered to send somebody round to talk to ROTHSCCHILD and asked me what sort of person he should send. I said that ROTHSCCHILD would much prefer to talk to an expert rather than a high-up. He said that being so he would send Inspector Palmer Hill to see ROTHSCCHILD. I emphasised to Ferguson Smith that ROTHSCCHILD did not wish his wife to know of his alarm. Would Palmer Hill therefore contact ROTHSCCHILD at Shell rather than at his flat. Ferguson Smith agreed that he would do this. He then offered to put an occasional plain clothes patrol into St. James's Place where the ROTHSCCHILD's London flat is just to make certain that there were no known odd characters around the place. I thanked him for this and said that I would tell Lord ROTHSCCHILD that they were doing this. He said he would also speak to the Chief Constable at Cambridge so that they could keep an eye on the ROTHSCCHILD's property there. I thanked Ferguson Smith for his help in this matter. He said that he was only too pleased to do what he could. He said that it was a very difficult problem because we didn't really have enough intelligence to know from where the danger might come.

Peter M. Wright

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30.9.69

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K.3./Mr. Wright saw Lord ROTHSCHILD on 22nd September.

2. He said that in the course of their discussion Lord ROTHSCHILD told him that he had been in touch with Dadie RYLANDS who was not, in fact, a good authority on BURGESS' friends. The person who would be such an authority was Artie MARSHALL and he intends to arrange a meeting between MARSHALL and Mr. Wright.

3. ROTHSCHILD will also try to arrange a date with Alan HODGKIN some time after the 15th October but before the 19th.

4. Pat LLEWELYN-DAVIES has not been away and there are no signs of her going. Lord ROTHSCHILD is still of the opinion that an interview with LLEWELYN-DAVIES would only be useful if Pat were away because of her hostility towards "security". Mr. Wright proposed to leave the position as it is until the end of the year and then re-consider the matter.

5. Lord ROTHSCHILD also told Mr. Wright that Stuart HAMPSHIRE is now back in America, having gone some little time ago.

B. Palliser

B. Palliser

K.3.

25th September, 1969

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23 ST. JAMES'S PLACE

LONDON S. W. 1

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11th September, 1969

Personal

Dear Peter,

I would like to have a talk to you both about the usual subject we discuss and hand grenades in the U.K. If it is possible for you - and necessary - perhaps you could brief yourself about the latter before we meet.

Please give me a ring.

MW to
see Lord R.

22.9.69.

Yours
Vicki

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Extract from Note for File/Interview Report

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Extract for File No. PF 605,565 Name ROTHSCHILD
 Original in File No. PF 765,533 Serial 110a Dated 10.9.69
 Date and Place of Interview/Meeting Bristol, 26 August, 1969
 with (also give security context of person being interviewed) Dr. William Grey WALTER
 Subject BURGESS's association with WALTER and ROTHSCHILD at Cambri
 Officer [redacted] using (a) of [redacted] Section K3
 Extracted by K3/DJS Section K3/6 Date 25.2.72

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a shorter extract made
14.1.70.*

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Guy BURGESS

(b) I then referred to the holiday which Grey WALTER had said he spent at Victor ROTHSCCHILD's villa at Cap Ferrat and at which BURGESS was a fellow-guest and asked him if he could date this. He clearly found it difficult to do so because, he said, he could not recall any event by which to pin-point it. He thought, however, that it must have been before he married (he also had difficulty in recalling the date of that event) and was therefore probably in 1932.

Note: Grey WALTER's first marriage to Katherine Monica RATCLIFFE took place in 1933).

I said that in his previous account of this holiday he had referred only to BURGESS as being a fellow-guest from which I had assumed that no others were present. I asked him to confirm that that assumption was correct. He said that it was not. In addition to BURGESS and his host the following were present:-

Mary ROTHSCCHILD
 Venetia MONTAGUE and her small daughter
 Anthony BLUNT
 one other man whose name he could not recall but who was an auctioneer with either Sotherby's or Christies.

Note: This may have been the same holiday to which Anthony BLUNT (PF 604,582) has referred but which he dated as 1933).

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(iii) Victor ROTHSCCHILD: PF 605,565

Grey WALTER said that Victor ROTHSCCHILD was not one of those at Cambridge whom he classified as 'Communist'. Indeed, he did not regard him as being in any way political. In the 1930s he was simply a very rich man with liberal views and sympathy for the less fortunate.

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In his personal record form, R stated that he was introduced to the office by Captain LIDDELL (see copy inside left hand cover of folder). J.C. CURRY, however, in his memoirs recounts that R was brought into the office via a different introduction. He writes, "In the meanwhile" (i.e. beginning of 1940) "I had urged on my superiors that we should recruit a suitable scientist and engineer with the kind of knowledge which might be useful in the investigation of any elaborate attempts at sabotage by the enemy if they occurred. A young officer named GODFREY who had been an Arctic explorer found himself posted to M.I.5 early in the war and although he had no special knowledge was allotted to the anti-sabotage section. He suggested the name of Lord ROTHschild as a suitable scientist, brought him to see me. I recommended that he should be appointed, and he became head of the section, which he conducted throughout the war with great skill."

2. The young officer named GODFREY was Arthur Stuart Talbot GODFREY who had served as a regular in the Royal Engineers until August 1938. He was born on 15.3.10, i.e. in the same year as R. He was up at Trinity College, Cambridge from 1930-32 where he read mechanical sciences. He would have coincided with R who was up at Trinity 1929-32 and, among other things, read science.

3. It is worth noting here that GODFREY knew Brian HOWARD (PF.64,371). At 30a in HOWARD's file, DGW noted that it had been Major GODFREY - "at a time when (he) was still in this office" - who had first introduced HOWARD to him, DGW. Although GODFREY and HOWARD were both at Eton, they could not have overlapped as HOWARD was almost exactly five years older than GODFREY.

4. GODFREY's R of S has been destroyed. He did not spend much time with M.I.5 as he was seconded to the Norway Expeditionary Force on 4.4.40. He seems to have returned to M.I.5 for a while later in 1940 as his military equivalent of O.S.A. was witnessed by BLUNT on 30.7.40. GODFREY was killed in action (Spitzburgen) on 14.5.42.

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2nd September, 1969.

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Extract for File No.....P.F. 605,565.....Name.....ROTHSCHILD.....
 Original in File No.....P.F. 765,533.....Serial.....110a.....Dated.....
 Date and Place of *Interview/~~XXXXXX~~ 26.8.69..Burden Neurological Institute, Bristol.....
 with (also give security context of person being interviewed)....Dr. William Gray WALTER....(1964:..Supporter..of
 .Cttee..of..100..(Org..penetrated..by..Trotskyists/Anarchists).....
 Subject.....
 Officer...[redacted].....using @ of.....Section.....K3.....
 Extracted by.....J.G.....Section.....R5.....Date.....14.1.70.....

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Cambridge University in the 1930s.

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(iii) Victor ROTHSCCHILD: PF 605,565.

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Extract for File No. Link N/30 Name [REDACTED]

Original in File No. PF.604,582 vol.14 Serial 724a Dated 14.8.69

Date and Place of *Interview/Meeting Courtauld Institute on evening of 30.7.69

with (also give security context of person being interviewed) Sir Anthony BLUNT

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Subject K.3/P.M.W.

Officer F.2/URG/C.O.S. using @ of Section

Extracted by C. Brian Section K.7 Date 31.12.69

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5. We asked BLUNT how he had originally got into the Office. He replied that he had been recommended to Guy Liddell by Victor Rothschild, who in turn had got into the Office through [REDACTED]. In the course of further discussions, BLUNT mentioned that he had been the first to move into Bentinck Street, when he came back from France. Victor Rothschild, who leased the flat and was living there with Barbara, had offered him one room. Some time later Victor's lease of the flat had expired and BLUNT, together with Pat Rawdon Smith and Tess Mayor who had both been bombed out, had taken it over. BURGESS had joined them later: he could not be sure of the date but he had certainly been living in Chester Square until at least the end of the autumn of 1940. Jackie HEWITT had moved in later and later still, after Tess had gone to France with Victor, they had been joined by Patrick DAY.

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Extract for File No.....Name.....

Original in File No.....L.604-4.....Serial.....143a.....Dated.....8.8.69.....

Date and Place of *Interview/~~XXXXXX~~ Meeting.....5th August, 1969 at Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury.....

with (also give security context of person being interviewed).....Mrs. Jane ARCHER.....

Subject.....

Officer.....J. E. DAY.....using @ of.....Section.....K.7.....

Extracted by.....CAB.....Section.....K.7.....Date.....21.8.69.....

19. Victor ROTHSCHILD's name came up and Mrs. ARCHER said that she disliked him. She considered him to be a born intriguer and remembered that after her row with HARKER she and her husband had been invited to ROTHSCHILD's country cottage for the weekend. Thinking that she would have an enjoyable country rest, Jane ARCHER had been irritated by ROTHSCHILD who had spent most of the weekend pumping her about the details of her disagreement with HARKER.

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Extract for File No. Name

Original in File No. SF. 441-UK-5(1) Link F/1 Serial 31a Dated 4th August, 1969

Date and Place of *Interview/~~Meeting~~ Friday 25th July, 1969 at RAB's house in Hanley Swan.

with (also give security context of person being interviewed)

Subject

Officer J. A. Cradock using @ of Section K.7.

Extracted by J. K. Section K.7. Date 18.8.69

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8. RAB had earlier told me that he thought HESTER was quite friendly with ROSE; he now said that he was also close to YVETTE but that his main friends were BLUNT, BURGESS, PHILBY and ROTHSCHILD. He was "one of that set".

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Extract for File No.....P.F. 605,565.....Name.....ROTHSCHILD.....
 Original in File No.....P.F. 765,533.....Serial.....105a.....Dated.....
 Date and Place of *Interview/~~Meeting~~.....4.8.69.....Burden Neurological Institute, Bristol.....
 with (also give security context of person being interviewed).....Dr. William Gray WALTER (1964: Supporter of
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 Subject.....
 Officer.. [redacted]using @ of.....Section.....K3.....
 Extracted by.....J.G.....Section.....R5.....Date.....14.1.70.....

Cambridge University in the 1930s.

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 Grey WALTER recalled attending parties at LLEWELYN-DAVIES' house in London after meetings of the Apostles. The last, he thought, was about 1943, which, together with a lot of people he did not know, the following attended: - BLUNT, BURGESS, CHESTERMAN, Victor ROTHSCCHILD, Alistair WATSON.

(v) Victor ROTHSCCHILD (PF. 605,565)

Grey WALTER was at one time Victor ROTHSCCHILD's supervisor at Cambridge University and got to know him well. He had a holiday at ROTHSCCHILD's villa on the Riviera in the 1930s * (see para. 9(i)(a) above). He had not kept in regular touch with him since leaving Cambridge but had met him at APOSTLE dinners. He thought it paradoxical that a person of Victor ROTHSCCHILD's wealth should join the Labour Party. His last contact had been to seek ROTHSCCHILD in connection with a job for Grey WALTER's son prior to his going to University. ROTHSCCHILD had been able to get the boy a temporary job in the Shell Oil Co.

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 * para. 9(i)(a) reads: "..... He recalled a holiday at Victor ROTHSCCHILD's villa on the Riviera at which BURGESS was the other guest. BURGESS, who was a very strong swimmer, used to go well out to sea in a canoe which he would then capsize, trapping an air pocket in which he could breathe for some time. To the other guests observing this, however, all that could be seen was an upturned canoe & as the minutes passed & BURGESS did not re-appear all assumed he was in difficulty if not drowned. BURGESS enjoyed the ensuing panic. Grey WALTER did not find this amusing."

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Rec 23/7/69

21 July 69

Dear Peter,

I have had a word with Alan. There was a bit of
explanation needed but he has agreed so I will try to give a detail.
He said he wouldn't "give lists of people". I said that wasn't
the object of the exercise. We should have a word in the
telephone before the meeting, in particular about the architect.

Yours
Vicki

Claude Phillimore
or? more likely
LLEWELYN-D.

PMW ? saw
Lord R. on 28/7/69.

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Note of talk with Lord & Lady ROTHSCHILD
at 23 St. James's Place on 10.7.69

I went to have drinks with Lord and Lady ROTHSCHILD on the evening of 10.7.69. They were both present throughout our talk.

2. Victor ROTHSCHILD had said he had some information to give me for which I had asked some time ago. This was on the subject of Flora SOLOMON's income. In connection with the matter of her suing B.O.A.C. I had asked if he could find out for me whether she was hard up. He said he had managed to extract the following information from Marcus Sieff, that it was highly confidential and must be strictly guarded. Her present pension is £3250 per annum. In 1968 Marks & Spencer gave her a lump sum of £15,000. She also draws an annual salary of £1,000 as a consultant to Marks & Spencer.

3. He mentioned Whitney STRAIGHT. I said I had interviewed him and cleared him for the Post Office job, and that I hoped I was right! ROTHSCHILD said he was sure I was right; Whitney STRAIGHT had left Cambridge before the Communist days started. He had the character of a certain type of very rich man, was a play-boy and yet a leader of men, a highly skilled racing driver and pilot, with basically no use for politics at all. A very different character from Michael STRAIGHT. Victor also told me that he himself had been the original candidate for the Post Office job and he had in turn suggested Whitney STRAIGHT.

4. In the context of STRAIGHT I said that one person STRAIGHT had mentioned to me in whom we were interested was the Earl of Bessborough, previously Lord Duncannon. Victor said that Eric Duncannon had been a playboy at Cambridge, was in those days queer, undoubtedly a friend of Guy BURGESS, a weak character who could easily have been blackmailed, though he was not politically relevant at that time in any way. It would never have occurred to Victor to suggest him as a subject of interest to us, but if we were looking at all the BURGESS circle, then he certainly fitted into that in one sense. I asked ROTHSCHILD particularly whether he remembered anything connected with Duncannon in the way of scandals to do with women, or any type of short-lived marriage, telling him that Duncannon was a candidate for an allegation which involved a "marriage blanc". Victor could not suggest anything of this kind but said that if we wished to know what he was doing from 1934 to 1936 after he left Cambridge, then the best person to ask would probably be Dadie RYLANDS. Certainly Duncannon was the type of man to have travelled to and from Europe a good deal. Victor offered to arrange for me to see RYLANDS. He said that Duncannon was a very good actor; he was also a drunk. He played the part of Hamlet in his last year at Cambridge and Victor remembered that he and Guy BURGESS had to work quite hard to sober him up before he could go on the stage.

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5. In talking about the Earl of Bessborough Victor mentioned that he had once been engaged to Mary Churchill. It then emerged that she was a close friend of the ROTHSCILDS and always came to see them when she was in England. I mentioned that there was something I should like to ask her and they offered to arrange for me to meet her.

6. The ROTHSCILDS had dined the previous evening with Richard and Pat LLEWELYN-DAVIES. They said there was no sign yet of her going abroad but she was almost sure to do so in the summer, during the Recess. They implied that she was very important now she had become a Minister and it was plain that Victor did not care for her at all. He still has a soft spot for Richard, however, and is sure that even accepting that he may have been involved in some way in espionage earlier on, he is now quite in the clear, and he thinks that Richard might talk to us.

7. I asked about Alan HODGKIN. They said that they had "floated a fly" over him but that he was very stuffy and that he would probably not take to the idea of an interview with me. However, they thought it would be worth trying to arrange something and offered to have him round to their house in Cambridge one weekend and have me come to see him.

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1st July 1969

Dear

Thank you for your letter of 28th June. I will call upon you at 6.0 pm on Thursday 10th July. There are one or two matters I should like to discuss with you as well as hearing what you have to say.

Yours

Peter M. Wright

Lord Rothschild,
23 St. James's Place,
London S.W.1

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28th June, 1969

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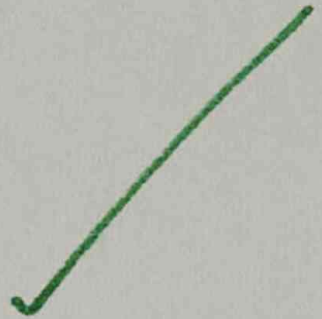
Dear Peter,

Whitney Straight invited me to lunch and we had quite an interesting talk. I could not decide whether he had "got the bug" or was trying to interrogate me.

I gave him a couple of names which he carefully wrote down.

I have got some information for which you asked me a long time ago, and I therefore suggest you contact me; but I am not much good until drinking time, 6.00 p.m., on Thursday, July 10. Let me know.

Yours
Vicki



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Note

Michael SOKOLOV-GRANT (PF 721751)
was of interest to the R.I.S. in 1959/60.
He was investigated and in 1964 we
concluded that he had not recognised the
approach made to him and had not been
recruited. Among his ^{and his wife's} contacts were:

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NAME: BLUNDEN.

Line No.: 4306.

Tel. No.: 935/9293.

Date: 9.6.69.
MONDAY.

Responsible Section: K.3.

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O/G BLUNDEN to VICTOR, on 493/6110.

VICTOR said the purpose of TESS's call was to put the following proposition.

VICTOR Apart from the pleasure of seeing you, we are in a slight difficulty next weekend in CAMBRIDGE, and would very much like you to come and stay with us.

BLUNDEN Oh God! I'm sorry, I'm going to EYTHROP (??).

(Eythorp Pavilion House of Mrs James A.)

V. Cancel!

B. Well I doubt if I can, it has been arranged rather a long way ahead.

V. I see. No chance of a negotiation?

B. If so, the negotiation must be done by you!

ROTHSCHILL Tel: Stone 337

VICTOR asked when BLUNDEN was going. On SATURDAY, probably in the morning.

V. OK! Too bad!

B. What would your timing be?

V. I was interested in dinner on SATURDAY evening.

B. I'm rather afraid it's partly business, partly catalogue, and so on.

V. It's always business.

B. Oh dear, I'm sorry. What's your problem?

V. Well, you know, the usual sort of problem. We want an attractive male!

BLUNDEN thanked him, and started again to apologise, but VICTOR had rung off.

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Extract from telephone check on WEL 1074 - BLUNDEN

I/C for BLUNDEN from u/i woman.
BLUNDEN addressed her as 'TESS' but then realised that she was somebody else. DISTANT was phoning to confirm that BLUNDEN was coming down for the weekend of the 14th. Yes, he looked forward to it. *5 miles from Aylesbury*
The conversation centred round WADDESdon and the drawings, and whether or not to get ERIKSON to look at them. He would be arriving from DENMARK around the 14th JULY, and begged the use of the guest suite at WADDESdon.
BLUNDEN said he would be in ENGLAND at that time, his trip to BRAZIL having been cancelled 'thank God!'

I/C for BLUNDEN from u/i woman continued.
If ERIKSON -whom DISTANT did not appear to be too keen on- did come, he - BLUNDEN would arrange to come down and spend a day.
DISTANT spoke about 'APOLLO' and the review of ERIKSON's book.
From the ensuing conversation, BLUNDEN said he did not really like writing to 'APOLLO' because he disliked DENIS SUTTON so much.
BLUNDEN was to ring DISTANT tomorrow.
(The pips went several times during this conversation.)
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*Dolly ROTHSCCHILD
of Eythorpe Pavilion
Waddesdon*

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Part ISection and Officer of origin K7/JAC Report No. 56Action copy to K3/BP Information copy to Typing Date 29.5.69
for pa in PF.605,565**REPORT**

Following the defection of PHILBY, H.P. Milmo Q.C. said in July 1963 that he remembered that Victor ROTHSCHILD was at Cambridge with PHILBY, and that he was certainly a close friend of BURGESS and Anthony BLUNT. This seemed to him a most undesirable circle. He had no evidence suggesting that ROTHSCHILD was a Russian spy but he thought he had been so closely associated with people who were as to cause him to be a bad security risk if, as he believed, he now had access to defence secrets.

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Source of this information has observed that Milmo felt very strongly that PHILBY was guilty, that he is a fervent Roman Catholic and that ROTHSCHILD is a Jew. The source did not think that Milmo had any further information about ROTHSCHILD which was not already on record.

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Thank you. Certainly ROTHSCHILD seems to have kept odd company and to some extent to continue to do so. It also seems to have become almost a legend that he and Tess are above suspicion while others, with lesser "crimes of association" are considered suspect. He has, of course, helped us considerably

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and was the intermediary through whom Flora SOLOMON told us
about PHILBY.

2. KAGO said: "Evidently all this ring are of Jewish origin." This is patently not true: BURGESS & MACLEAN were not Jews. But PHILBY had a Jewish wife, and her initiating role was strong enough, perhaps, taken together with the participation of SMOLLETT, KLUGMAN, etc., to account for KAGO's idea that the ring was Jewish. Anyhow, he had that idea.

3. CAIRNCROSS has now suggested that COSTELLO may have been a founder member of the Ring of Five. Now, COSTELLO's wife is by origin a Russian Jewess, herself an R.I.S. agent.

4. What relevance all this has to the ROTHSCHILDS is hard to say: their being Jews could link them to the Ring of Five; on the other hand it could also explain very naturally their tendency when they were young in the 1930s to be left-wing and to mix both with left-wingers and with Jews.

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Extract from Note for File/Interview Report

Extract for File No. PF 605565 Name ROTHSCCHILD

Original in File No. PF 604582 Serial 705a Dated 7.5.69

Date and Place of *Interview/Meeting At the Courtauld Institute on 6.5.69

with (also give security context of person being interviewed) with Sir Anthony BLUNT

Subject Subjects of general interest - communism at Cambridge in 1930s

Officer P.M. Wright using @ of Section K.3

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6. On the subject of Jack PLUMB and clandestine Communism he said that his source for all this was Tess. I asked him whether she had told him about it recently and he said, on the contrary, it was in the old days at Cambridge when she had told him, though she had also reminded him of it recently.

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14. I asked BLUNT about Whitney STRAIGHT. He said that Victor ROTHSCCHILD was a close friend of STRAIGHT and would probably be able to give a better opinion of him than BLUNT could. Whitney was regarded by the serious left-wingers at Cambridge as something of a figure of fun, a playboy. He was at Cambridge before the main swing to Communism and before Guy BURGESS became involved in it. BLUNT did not know, however, what relationship existed between STRAIGHT and BURGESS after STRAIGHT had gone down. He certainly came back to see his brother Michael and BLUNT would have expected him then to be in touch with the Communist circle. He said that Whitney was an entirely different character from Michael, that he was not nearly such a high grade intellectually, and BLUNT would be surprised if Whitney had become involved. He considered him to be indiscreet and he therefore thought that even if Guy BURGESS had considered him as a recruit, he would have had grave doubts about his discretion.

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Incoming from TESS ROTHSCHILD to BLUNDEN.
 BLUNDEN told her that he was just back from Denmark where he had had a very nice time and the ERIKSONS had been extremely kind. TESS was really ringing to say that she had ALA (ph) and MARY ROTHSCHILD coming to stay on 3rd May and would like BLUNDEN to come down for the weekend. BLUNDEN thought he would love to come down and recalled that he had not seen ALA since the

early thirties and had never met his wife. Much talk followed about the statue of Samson which had been damaged by vandals and how it had had to be moved from near the exit gate to a position within view of the house. BLUNDEN expressed his horror at damage and reflected that he was very out of touch with all TESS's news as they had not seen each other this year. Both looked forward very much to the 3rd May weekend. TESS then asked about DAVID's movements on a Sunday - when should she ring him? BLUNDEN advised her to try and ring DAVID just before lunch.
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Part I

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REPORT

In conversation recently with a distinguished person of some eminence in public life, mention was made of Jack PLUMB (Professor of History at Cambridge University; PF 606905). Source said that PLUMB had been and was currently a close friend of Lord SNOW and of HOFF of the Civil Service Commission. Source also said that PLUMB had recommended many people to the Civil Service Commission through these two.

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Source has a very wide range of contacts and experience and is well placed to glean information of this kind. The significance of PLUMB in this context is that several sources with knowledge of Communism at Cambridge in the 1930s connected him with the Communist Party, and more than one of these sources has suggested that he might have been involved in clandestine work for the Party.

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Note

With reference to 151a, K3/PMW discussed this with the D.D.G. on 15.4.69. The D.D.G. ruled that we should reply N.R.A. and meet any difficulties which might arise with the Home Office as they occur. He did not wish to mention the matter to Sir Philip Allen at this point.

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Reference PF 606,769

Note of interview of Stuart HAMPSHIRE on
12 March, 1969, at 34 Walton St., S.W.3. by
K3/P.M.Wright.

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14. I asked Stuart HAMPSHIRE whether he had seen Anthony since returning to this country. He said he had not. It was quite clear to me that the real reason for his wanting to see me must have been his anxiety to press the case against BLUNT. I feel this anxiety of his was quite genuine and I find this interesting because it seems to make it quite clear that the ROTHSCHILDS have not betrayed to him their knowledge of BLUNT's confession. If they had, there would be no point in his efforts to persuade me of BLUNT's guilt.

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Incoming to BLUNDEN from ? Arthur MARSHALL.
 ARTHUR thanked BLUNDEN profusely for having had the picture cleaned and valued. ARTHUR stressed that he would not sell it under £400. BLUNDEN had meant to have it photographed. He advised ARTHUR to take the picture to Leicester Galleries. ARTHUR then asked for Pat LLEWELLYN DAVIS's number in the country. BLUNDEN went to look for this, reflecting that it was so long since he had seen either of them, and found that he only had their London number - the GULIVER one, which ARTHUR had got. BLUNDEN continued conversation saying that JOHN had so much enjoyed the evening and also enjoyed his (ARTHUR's) malicious comments about VECTOR - not really malicious but straight facts. Both laughed at this. BLUNDEN amused because, as he reminded ARTHUR, JOHN hates VICTOR. Laughingly ARTHUR observed that JOHN was really very sweet about VICTOR and not at all disagreeable. BLUNDEN interested to hear this. ARTHUR repeated that JOHN had not really been disagreeable - they had both just stated facts. ARTHUR added the observation that VICTOR was a terror but the marvellous thing was that one was very fond of him. This was because he adored his old friends and really made no new friends. He (VICTOR) "has been faithful to all of us for forty years and that is so touching". BLUNDEN made agreeing murmurs to all the sentiments. He agreed that VICTOR was perfectly bloody but, as ARTHUR so rightly said, one retained some kind of affection for him. ARTHUR reminded BLUNDEN that he had worked for VICTOR for four years and it was a nightmare - accusations of lying - all simply extraordinary and dreadful. BLUNDEN wondered how he stood it for four years. ARTHUR remarked that it was all over now and forgotten. He thanked BLUNDEN again for all his help and rang off.

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Part I

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Section and Officer of origin.....Report No.....
PF 148260 25.3.69

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REPORT

I went back recently to the source of 388a and asked him to expand on the story he had told me.

2. He said that he had learnt the story (about George BROWN's dining out on Adam WATSON's dismissal from the Foreign Office) from Marcus Sieff, who had given a dinner party at which the guests included George Brown and Sir Donald Stokes. Sieff had been "taking the mickey" out of Stokes for selling buses to the Arabs but not to the Israelis. Stokes defended himself by saying that Adam WATSON had succeeded in making a deal with the Arabs but had not succeeded with the Israelis. George Brown, who was pretty high at the time, said that Adam WATSON was "only a bloody Communist anyway and was thrown out of the Foreign Office for being a Russian spy". Source said that as he had all this only at second hand from Marcus Sieff he would in due course ask him about it again in confidence. Source showed himself very anxious that it should not get back to George Brown that this story

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Note

I had dinner with Lord and Lady ROTHSCHILD on Monday 3rd March.

2. We first spent some considerable time discussing Anthony BLUNT. Tess said she was worried about him and I said I was equally so, suspecting that he was being blackmailed. She agreed with this suspicion and asked me if I knew what was worrying him. I said that I did not. She said that she did not know either; she knew he was having trouble with John GASKIN but did not think the latter was putting the screws on. She knew BLUNT was anxious he should be properly provided for. I said I intended to tackle BLUNT on this matter as there would be a risk to everyone if he got himself into trouble over this. It was valuable, I added, that Anthony should have a "soft shoulder" in Tess if it should turn out that he was not willing to tell me what was going on. She said that she would be willing to play this role but pointed out that she and Victor would be away from 12th March to 12th April, they were going to Barbados for a holiday. Anthony, she said, was in a very emotional state and she hoped he would not do anything foolish. She said she had told him he ought to resign but he had done nothing about it. Victor said he thought we ought to get him removed from his post as Keeper of the Queen's pictures. He told me a story about a picture which he had bought Anthony when they were at Cambridge. Anthony had discovered it in a shop and with his knowledge and skill had recognised it as a Poussin. Anthony had not the money to buy it and Victor gave him £90. The picture would now be worth about £80,000-£100,000 and Anthony had promised to leave it to Emma. Victor hoped he would not sell it in a moment of difficulty!

3. We continued with more desultory discussion about Anthony. I told the ROTHSCHILDS exactly in what way I thought he was withholding information, saying that I believed he had told us about everything in which he had been positively involved which might get back to us in other ways, for instance his recruitments of others who might, like STRAIGHT, inform on him. Similarly he would have told us things he did with the Russians which he felt we might have discovered, for instance by the use of watchers. Tess agreed with this diagnosis, saying she accepted he had not told us his suspicions. She asked if she could do anything more to help and I repeated that if she would be prepared to continue to provide a "soft shoulder" this could be valuable.

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4. Tess asked me whether BLUNT had told me the story about his being in a pub in Marylebone Lane with Henry @ GORSKIY during the war when a black-market raid on the pub took place. Anthony had a bagful of Security Service documents with him and was very frightened but managed to avoid having to show it to the police. I said I thought he had told us this story, but would check.

(Comment: Yes, he has told this story).

She also said that he had been talking to her about PHILBY's book, that Guy BURGESS's traffic accidents in Washington were not fakes, and that both Kim and Guy had told him this.

*I am sure
this is true*

5. I asked the ROTHSCILDS whether they had told BLUNT that a number of people had been seriously ill in the office. They denied having done so, saying that they did not even know it, and I think they were telling the truth.

(Comment: BLUNT had told Cecil Shipp on 30.1.69 that he knew there had just been a lot of illness in the office, some of it serious. I myself certainly had not told him this).

6. Tess asked me whether Anthony still saw Courtenay Young, saying that he was very close to Courtenay in the office, so I took the opportunity to ask Tess who were BLUNT's and BURGESS's particular friends in the office. She replied that to judge from those brought back to Bentinck Street, Anthony's were Courtenay Young and Patrick Day and Guy's were Geoffrey Wethered and Desmond Vesey.

I tried to take the subject of Geoffrey Wethered further. Tess said quite firmly that the link between BURGESS and Wethered was undoubtedly homosexual, though their personal relationship was not necessarily a homosexual one - but they shared the same homosexual friends. She thought the same applied to Desmond Vesey.

(Comment: I have since asked Courtenay whether he sees Anthony nowadays. He denies having done so for many years and says the last time he saw him was at Guy Liddell's funeral.)

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7. I asked Victor to expand on the story he had told me about George Brown's dining out on Adam WATSON's dismissal from the Foreign Office. He said that he had learnt the story from Marcus Sieff, who had given a dinner party at which the guests, included George Brown and Sir Donald Stokes. Sieff had been "taking the mickey" out of Stokes for selling buses to the Arabs but not to the Israelis. Stokes defended himself by saying that Adam WATSON had succeeded in making a deal with the Arabs but had not succeeded with the Israelis. George Brown, who was pretty high at the time, said that Adam WATSON was "only a bloody Communist anyway and was thrown out of the Foreign Office for being a Russian spy". Victor said that as he had all this only at second hand from Marcus Sieff he would in due course ask him about it again in confidence. Victor showed himself very anxious that it should not get back to George Brown that this story had "leaked" through him as this would make his relations with Marcus Sieff very difficult.

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8. Victor is still ready to go ahead with arranging a meeting between me and Richard LEWELYN-DAVIES but Pat shows no signs of going abroad at the moment. In any case, any move Victor made would have to be after April 12th.

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9. I asked Victor whether he had seen Flora SOLOMON lately. He said he had not. I told him, without mentioning OPSONIC, about Flora's action pending against B.O.A.C. I told him that I thought Flora had been right about Dudley DANBY.

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10. I went through with the ROTHSCILDS a list of names taken from those mentioned in my interview of KITSON CLARK of Trinity:

Harry FERNS	E.H. NORMAN
[Michael GREENBERG] Ext to PF 94026	ROTTENBERG(ER)
Anthony NEWTH	John KISCH
The CUMMING-BRUCES	[Andrew COHEN] Ext to PF 607359
	V.G. KIERNAN

Ext to
PF 94026
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GREENBERG was clearly well known to Tess. She said he had an affair with Kay ARMFIELD, who had had a great influence on him. She had undoubtedly been a Party member so it seemed probable that GREENBERG would have been one too. ROTTENBERG rang a bell as a friend of Guy BURGESS but neither Tess nor Victor could quite place the connection.

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connection./
The only other name to produce any comment was Andrew COHEN whom they thought capable of anything and who could well have been involved. I tried to explore this opinion further but I came up against what I think can only have been the reticence of the Jewish freemasonry. Later on in the conversation Victor commented that he would be seeing Francis CUMMING-BRUCE on his coming trip. He remembered him at Cambridge, where one of the twins was a Communist, but he could not be sure which.

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11. Tess asked me if Stuart HAMPSHIRE had been in touch with me. I said that he had not and that my last contact with him had been when I saw him in America. She said he was here in this country until June and was anxious to see me. I said that he had my telephone number and could get in touch with me if he wanted to: Tess then offered to ring him up and suggest that he contact me. This he has now done and arranged to see me.

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PF 45907
link B
PF 701776
PF 606905
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12. I raised again the subject of the HENDERSON family and their connection with Judith FISCHER-WILLIAMS and Jack PLUMB and asked her to repeat and if possible to expand on what she had said before. She said there were three HENDERSONS - Ian, Nigel and Susan. Susan had been a spastic and had had the unfortunate affair and marriage with Alistair WATSON. Victor joined in to say that both Ian and Nigel were very able people at Cambridge but inherently lazy and well-off. Tess went on to say that Ian had had a big affair for a short time with Judith FISCHER-WILLIAMS. And at the time of this affair, Ian was a Communist. I asked her what she meant by this and she said, "Oh, I never saw his Party card but there was no doubt that he was a member." He had recruited Judith to the Party. Ian had explained to Judith that certain recruits, particularly those going into Government Service, were never overtly acknowledged but accepted underground, and Judith had been recruited on this basis.

13. Tess continued to say that at the time she was having an affair with Brian SIMON and was very friendly with Judith. (At this stage Victor was absent, having said good-night and taken his leave.)

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leave.)

Jack PLUMB, then a young don of liberal left-wing views, used to lend his flat at the weekends to Tess and Judith for the two of them and Brian and Ian. Judith had told her that she had been with Ian to one meeting of a special secret Communist group of the undercover members of the Party and had been very surprised to discover that the don present and more or less in charge of the proceedings was Jack PLUMB. (Tess added that in those days she presumed Jack PLUMB's absences from Cambridge were to visit a girl friend in Leicester; she now knew it to have been a boy friend). * Continuing her story she said that Judith and Ian fell out. Judith was recruited by him in 1936, then early in 1937 they fell out and on the rebound she started her friendship with David HUBBACK. Tess assumed that Judith's serious interest in Communism came to an end because she, Tess, regarded David as a left-wing liberal. Tess also said that Nigel had had one of the Communist STEVENS girls, she could not remember which, as a girl friend, and she thought he had married her.

14. Tess at this point turned on me and accused me of arranging HUBBACK's demotion. She said that Judith had been very upset because David was sacked from the Treasury and given a dead-end job in the Board of Trade. I said that as far as I was aware the Security Service had not been responsible, and I should probably have known had it been otherwise. I do not think she believed me, although I was telling her the truth!
(Comment: I have checked that it is true that we had no knowledge even of his demotion and certainly did not initiate it).

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* Further to the information recorded above about Jack PLUMB, Victor also said that PLUMB had been and was currently a close friend of Lord SNOW and HOFF (ph) of the Civil Service Commission and that PLUMB had recommended many people to the Civil Service Commission through these two.

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PF 827940
PF 600205

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cc PF 61365

Note

I saw Lord ROTHSCHILD on Monday 17th February. He now feels that because of his business relations with ZUCKERMAN in the sense that he is Director of Shell Research and ZUCKERMAN is Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government, he does not want to Prejudice his position by coming into any discussions between ZUCKERMAN and me. He suggests that we should make a direct approach via the D.G.

2. Lord ROTHSCHILD considers we have a good case for seeing ZUCKERMAN in view of his knowledge of the scientific world before the war.

*Peter M. Wright*K.3
11.3.69

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MARSHALL

I/c from ARTHUR(?) for BLUNDEN.

GASKIN answered to say that he was in the bath. They
 chatted. Distant asked if he could ring him - FLA
 3694. GASKIN invited him to a meal. Distant was
 very busy until the 11th when he was going to Devon,
 but he would like to towards the end of the month.
 GASKIN enquired whether he had seen the 'fabulous
 ROTHSCHILDS'. Yes, said Distant, he had at the
 weekend. Were they in good form, asked GASKIN?
 Distant laughed saying yes, adding - 'you remember
 how charming he is?' Laughter. Distant however
 admitted that actually 'he wasn't too bad this weekend.'
 He described him as 'rather rum' - and 'sort of
 unreliable' in his behaviour - 'if you're rich enough
 you can grump if you want to'. They chatted on -
 GASKIN would get BLUNDEN to ring back.

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5.2.69
Wednesday

Incoming call to BLUNDEN from Mrs TODD's husband.
He rang to let him know that she had 'flu.
09.15

Incoming call to BLUNDEN from TESS ROTHSCHILD. *See 144b*
Was it a bad moment? No, on the contrary - he was going to ring her.
TESS referred to his enquiry about the present for EMMA. BLUNDEN
confirmed that VICTOR had written about it. He gathered VICTOR was
pleased. TESS said he was - very. BLUNDEN - who admitted that he
was fond of it - said he had come to the conclusion it was best to do
it at once. He would now alter his will.
BLUNDEN was going to be in Cambridge Friday night and wondered whether
they were going to be there - or Saturday lunch? No. Not until mid-
afternoon on Saturday. BLUNDEN would have to go off late Saturday
afternoon. He was going up with DENNIS P. He could not manage to stay
any longer because he had to go to Paris at the 'screoch of dawn' on
Monday morning.
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BLUNDEN confirmed that he would be going up to Cambridge to see
GOW again. He would then bring 'the book' up and either get it over
to Hershel Road or leave it with GOW and someone could fetch it.
TESS however suggested leaving it downstairs here and she would
collect it when passing by. BLUNDEN agreed this might be easier.
TESS might call at 11.30 tomorrow. BLUNDEN would be here. He told
her that it was his mother's 89th birthday tomorrow. He said he would
hand her also the Coleridge letter which goes with the book.
BLUNDEN mentioned VICTOR's remarks that he should write a letter to
EMMA now. BLUNDEN in it would say that VICTOR had given him these
a long time ago on condition that he would bequeath them but he would
rather do it now. BLUNDEN presumed it was not necessary to conceal
any part of the story - he wondered for tax purposes.
TESS, after some hesitation, said perhaps it would be best not to
refer to the past history, on the whole. They hoped to meet soon.
13.17

Nothing further.
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Entry in WHO's WHO - 1968David Haven BARRAN

Born 23.5.1912. Son of Sir John BARRAN,
2nd Bt. and Alice Margarita nee PARKS.

Married 1944 Jane Lechmere MACASKIE.
Four sons, 3 daughters.

Educated Winchester and Trinity College
Cambridge: B.A. 1934.

1934: Joined Asiatic Petroleum Co.

1935-46: Served in Egypt, Palestine,
Sudan, India

1958: President, Asiatic Petroleum
Corpn., N.Y.

1961: Man. Director, Royal Dutch/Shell

1964: Man. Director & Deputy Chairman,
Shell Trading & Transport Co.

1967: Chairman, Shell Trading &
Transport Co.

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23 ST JAMES'S PLACE
LONDON S W 1
TELEPHONE HYDE PARK 6110

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1st February, 1969

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Personal

Dear Peter,

When we met Dick the other day he or I handed you a letter to David Barran, the Chairman of Shell T & T. We asked if you would be kind enough to let me know, in strict confidence, whether you thought it worth our while following this matter up with the firm in question, or in general. May I assume that when you are ready to have a talk about it, you will give me a ring at WATerloo 1234?

Incidentally, I have given a lot of thought to our recent discussion about having a talk with the big shot. In the light of what you told me and the "good turn" your boss recently did for him, and for more general reasons, I have come to the conclusion it would be better for your boss to ask him for some help.

If you want to discuss this, please give me a ring.

Yours
Vicki

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Reference attached envelope.

Your attention is drawn to paragraph 56, page 67, of Office Instructions (Security), which provides that correspondents using the Box 500 number should be requested not to include the name of an individual on the outer envelope, which should be addressed only to "The Secretary", Box 500.

Will you please advise your correspondent accordingly.

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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to ELSA SCHERRER, HYD 4310.
 BLUNDEN rang for some assistance - he was trying to solve a mystery.
 The copy of Blake's - 'Songs of Innocence and Experience' - belonging to
 himself and kept in the downstairs safe had completely disappeared.
 He had seen it about a month ago when he had it up in the flat, but he
 recalled putting it back into the red room safe next morning.
 ELSA questioned him about it and asked whether it was the thing he had
 intended to leave to someone special? Yes, said BLUNDEN, it was.
 He explained - 'you see, VICTOR gave it me on condition that I bequeathed
 it to his daughter'.
 BLUNDEN mentioned having kept it in the red room safe for the past 5 years.
 After this discussion, which continued for quite a while, they talked
 about institute and staff matters.
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Part I

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REPORT


During a conversation with a source who was at Cambridge in the late 1930s, who knew Guy BURGESS and his circle and who has remained on terms of friendship with Anthony BLUNT, source stated that in recent discussions BLUNT had mentioned that he had no doubts whatsoever that Jenifer HART had been an agent not only of the Communist Party but also of the R.I.S.

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Part II

COMMENTS BY SECTION OF ORIGIN

Source is believed to be reliable.



Part III

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K.1/E.McB.

I have P.A.d your report on Jenifer HART's file (PF 606,150).


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Part I

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REPORT


During a recent conversation with a source who was at Cambridge in the late 1930s and who, although not a Communist, knew many Communists there reference was made to a certain Elizabeth or Anne WHEELER. Source described WHEELER as a Communist at that time and a friend of Peter ASTBURY (PF 61,141).

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Elizabeth Anne WHEELER joined the Communist Party at Cambridge in 1936. I have P.A.d your report on her file, PF 125,610.

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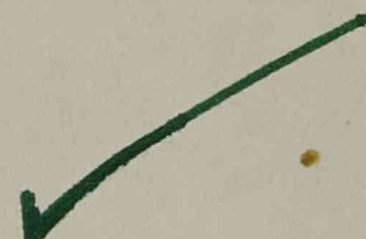
Note for file

I spoke with Mr. Shipp/F2.URG today about the sensitivity of the ROTHSCHILD affair. We agreed that he personally should deal with this file as far as F.2.URG is concerned and that he would arrange for the necessary extracts to his files.

Peter M. Wright

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29.11.68

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with (also give security context of person being interviewed) see above

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22. Asked about ROTHSCCHILD he said he knew him from The Apostles, not otherwise.

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Extract from Tape Recording of the same interview

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PMW I presume you know - Victor Rothschild of course -
Apostles.

L Only from the Apostles - not at all well - not
outside that. My junior at Cambridge. Came up
my third year didn't he?

PMW Yes.

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